

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 59(62)

1766 (reset 1902)

West Manheim, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 59(62) is an original monument of 1766 at its original site (as redetermined during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). It marks Mason and Dixon's 59th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground with about 1' or more left rough-cut for securing below ground. It is embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, capped by a low pyramidal top with fluted planes rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. Reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' above ground, it is now only about 4" high and slightly less than 12" square; but is firmly set, in (presumably) good condition, unaltered, though in need of marking and protection if it is to be saved from being ^{site lost and the stone} buried and further damaged by farm machinery. On the federal and state levels, No. 59(62) is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 59th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 59(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 62)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of Mt. Ventus Road No. 1

CITY, TOWN

West Hanheim X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Carroll / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A(see surrounding property ownership list)
COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CARR-295 entered 1/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 59(62) marks Mason and Dixon's 59th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original monument of 1766, apparently in good condition (judging from the top few inches), unaltered, at its original site (as redetermined at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The general area here is gradually becoming higher in elevation, though still predominantly rolling farmland, interspersed with ^{noticeably} larger acreage in deciduous woodland. The site is within Election District 6 of Carroll County; West Manheim Township of York County, PA; about 1 mile east of the scattered settlement of West Manheim, PA; at a point about 600' west of Mt. Ventus Road No. 1, on the south side of an old farm lane ^{almost paralleling the boundary, running} between two unfenced open fields, in the berm, nearly covered by soil. It is almost impossible to see in any season and could easily be lost to oblivion unless ^{marked and} protected soon, and has obviously been chipped by farm machinery over time.

As with all original West Line monuments, Milestone No. 59(62) was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, cut to stand as a post about 12" square by about 3' above ground, with about 1' or more left rough-cut for securing below ground. It was embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, capped by a low pyramidal top with fluted planes rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. At the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey the "monument was out of the ground and its position had therefore to be redetermined." (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 37) Reset in 1902 to about 1 1/2' above ground, with the remainder surrounded by a concrete collar below ground, it is now only about 4" ^{about 11" square, and} high, ^{but otherwise quite clear.} somewhat weatherworn and the embellishments are clear. There are chips at all top corners and edges, and a "+" cut into the apex.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 59(62) is significant on the federal and state levels as one of the series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their ^{230.228-mile} West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monument set the following year, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments still marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), No. 59(62) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Manchester (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 33710, northing 439823

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Carroll

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/15/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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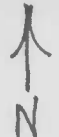
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MASON EDIXON WESTLINE; MILESTONE 59(62)

MANCHESTER QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971

5663 IV SE
(SEVEN VALLEYS)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



76°52'30"
39°45'

690 000 FEET
(MD.)

HOKES 2.1 MI.
GLENVILLE 4.3 MI.

4397
42'30"

4396

0 2 4 MI.



MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 59 (62)

MHT-HSI: CARR-295

VIEW OF S/E CORNER & TOP

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/15/80 1980.11.19

MHT

A black and white photograph showing a dark, rounded object, possibly a rock or a piece of debris, lying in a snowy field. The object is partially covered in snow and surrounded by some dry grass or twigs. In the lower-left foreground, there is a small black rectangular label with the white number "59" printed on it.

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 59 (62)
ORIGINAL (1766)
VIEW OF N (PA.) & W FACES + TOP

MHT-HSI: CARR-295

OFF W/ S MT. VENTUS ROAD #1, WEST MANHEIM, PA VICINITY
CARROLL CO, MD / YORK CO, PA

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/15/80 (1980. 11. 15)

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE:
MILESTONE NO. 59 (62)
LOOKING SE

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/15/80
(1980.11.21)